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# Race

It has occasionally been suggested that Aristasia is "racialist" or "racist". This suggestion is made on rather flimsy and far-fetched grounds and seems to be yet another example of pigeon-holing. While Aristasians normally regard this sort of thing as scarcely worth replying to, it may be opportune to clarify the Aristasian - and particularly post-Bridgehead - position on (Tellurian) racial questions.

Quite simply, fully-committed Aristasians in Telluria are subjects of the Empress and are regarded as honorary intemorphs. A full Aristasian does not regard herself as a Tellurian and should not be concerned with internal divisions of race, nation, politics or anything else in any foreign country - Telluria included.

From the point of view of Aristasia Pura, all Tellurians - and all schizomprphs - are an alien species. If Tellurian femins are adopted as Aristasian subjects and honorary intemorphs, it is clearly of no interest whatever which particular type of schizomorph she may formerly have been. The difference between one Tellurian race and another is minuscule compared with the difference between Tellurians and Aristasians, schizomorphs and intemorphs.

The idea of a "racialism" based on the internal racial divisions within an alien species is beyond absurd. Tellurians are accepted as Aristasians because they have spiritually adopted a new identity which places them outside the schizomorphic world of Telluria and its various races.

Needless to say, any Tellurian girl would be equally welcome as a adoptive Aristasian regardless of her race.

As an Aristasian officer put it: "What matters is her commitment to the ship she is joining - not what part she came from of the ship she is leaving."

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